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PLANNING DATA BASE

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(B) STATE 43360 (DTG 180157Z FEB 78)

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1. AT THE DRC MEETING ON FEBRUARY 22, THE FORCE DATA
MANAGEMENT STATUS REPORT (DRC/N(77)27) WAS AGREED SUBJECT
TO CONFIRMATION OF THE FOLLOWING:

. (A) CONSIDERATION UNDER THE SILENCE PROCEDURE OF US
CHANGES TO PARAS 9 AND 10 OF THE REPORT,

. (B) UK ACCEPTANCE OF DELETION OF THE PHRASE "(SO FAR
AS NATIONAL RESOURCES ALLOW)" IN PARA 14(D) OF THE ANNEX
TO DRC/N(77)27, AND

. (C) BELGIAN ACCEPTANCE OF ANSWERS PROVIDED ON QUES-
TIONS CONCERNING COSTS, EQUIPMENT AND PERSONNEL.

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2. THE IS TABLED A REDRAFT OF PARAS 9 AND 10 SUGGESTED BY
THE US TO DEFINE MORE CLEARLY FOR PERMREPS THE PROBLEMS
ENCOUNTERED. THIS CHANGE WAS AGREED AD REFERENDUM TO THE
DRC UNDER THE SILENCE PROCEDURE.

3. THE US RECOMMENDATION TO OMIT THE PHRASE "(SO FAR AS
NATIONAL RESOURCES ALLOW)" IN PARA 14(D) OF THE RECOMMENDA-

TIONS, BECAUSE IT CONTRADICTS THE BASIC INTENT OF THE PAPER, WAS STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY THE CHAIR, CANADA AND THE FRG. THE UK REP (HAWTIN) ACKNOWLEDGED THE CLEAR CONSENSUS IN THE DRC ON THIS POINT AND STATED THAT THE PROBLEM WAS ONE OF RESOURCE LIMITATIONS. HE COULD NOT ACCEPT THE CHANGE WITHOUT CONSULTING HIS AUTHORITIES.

4. THE BELGIAN REP (VAN DRIESSCHE) STATED THAT HE WOULD MAINTAIN A RESERVATION ON THE REPORT UNTIL HE RECEIVED AN ADEQUATE ANSWER TO PREVIOUS QUESTIONS (REPORTED PARA 7 OF REF A) ON THE FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS OF THE REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS. ACTING DRC CHAIRMAN (BRABAND) ATTEMPTED TO ALLAY HIS CONCERNS BY EXPLAINING THAT THE EXISTING COMPUTER COULD HANDLE THE ADP REQUIREMENTS AND THAT THERE WOULD EVENTUALLY BE A "VERY SMALL" REQUIREMENT FOR ADDITIONAL PERSONNEL IF THE ALLIANCE MADE THIS THE CENTER FOR THE AUTOMATION OF FORCES DATA. VAN DRIESSCHE WILL SEEK HIS AUTHORITIES' ACCEPTANCE OF THIS ANSWER.

5. PURSUANT TO REF B, US REP (BADER) SUGGESTED THAT ASYG MUMFORD PRESENT THE REPORT TO THE DPC IN ORDER TO DRAW APPROPRIATE ATTENTION TO ITS IMPORTANCE RATHER THAN HAVE IT CONSIDERED UNDER THE SILENCE PROCEDURE. MUMFORD COMMENTED THAT IT WAS A WORTHWHILE SUGGESTION AND THAT THE IS WOULD CONSIDER IT.

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6. WE INTEND TO APPROVE THE REPORT WHEN CIRCULATED IF IT READS AS NOW ANTICIPATED. NO FURTHER WASHINGTON GUIDANCE IS REQUIRED. GLITMAN

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